

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8-12, 15, 17, 19-23, 26, 28, 30-39 are pending in the application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge allowance of claims 1, 4, 6, 8-11, 22-23, 26, 28, 30-35, and 37-39. Claims 12, 15, 17, 19 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 1, 11, 12, 22, 23, and 33 are amended herein, in part, based on the telephonic interview between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on March 30, 2005. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections based on the following discussion.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph, Rejection

Claims 12, 15, 17, 19-21 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as being non-enabling. These rejections are traversed as explained below. Applicants have amended claim 12 in accordance with the suggestion in the Office Action. In particular, reference is made to "means for said agent" to perform the various agent functions recited. Furthermore, Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, 22, 23, and 33 also in an effort to further clarify the allowed claims. As such, claim 12 is now in an enabling form in accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Accordingly, through dependency, claims 15, 17, 19-21, and 36 are now also in enabling form. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection to claims 12, 15, 17, 19-21, and 36.

II. Formal Matters and Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1, 4, 6, 8-12, 15, 17, 19-23, 26, 28 and 30-39, all the claims presently pending in the application, are in compliance with 35 U.S.C.

§112, first paragraph and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit
Account Number 09-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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